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SUBJECT: KOREA NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN

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1. THE EAST ASIA INTER-AGENCY WORKING GROUP ON
NARCOTICS HAS CONSIDERED THE KOREA NCAP AND ITS RECOM-
MENDATIONS FOR AN ENFORCEMENT COMMODITY PACKAGE FOR
FY 77-78. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF A DIRECT LINK OR
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WHAT DRUG ABUSE MAY EXIST IN
KOREA AND THE US DOMESTIC DRUG SCENE. IT IS UNLIKELY

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THEREFORE THAT US DRUG ENFORCEMENT WILL BENEFIT MEASUR-
ABLY BY ASSISTANCE TO KOREA. GIVEN THESE TWO CONDI-

TIONS, WE ARE REGRETFULLY UNABLE TO SUPPORT THE NCAP ASSISTANCE REQUEST.

2. THE MISSION, HOWEVER, IS ENCOURAGED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH KOREAN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION AUTHORITIES TO FACILITATE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO OUR MUTUAL PROGRAMS. SHOULD A KOREAN-US CONNECTION DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL OF COURSE REVIEW THE KOREAN NEED FOR ASSISTANCE. AS EVIDENCE OF OUR CONCERN FOR KOREAN

DRUG PROBLEMS, THE MISSION CAN CITE PAST TRAINING GIVEN KOREAN OFFICIALS AND THE DEA IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM SET FOR SPRING, 1976. FYI: KOREA WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO THE NARCOTICS-ORIENTED REGIONAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG IN APRIL, 1976. THIS CONFERENCE, WHILE HOSTED BY HONG KONG PREVENTIVE SERVICE, WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIAL USG FUNDING AND PARTICIPATION. END FYI.

3. ONLY EA COUNTRIES PRESENTLY RECEIVING NARCOTICS COMMODITY ASSISTANCE ARE BURMA, THAILAND, AND INDONESIA. BOTH BURMA AND THAILAND ARE MAJOR PRODUCING AND TRANSITTING POINTS FOR OPIUM AND ITS DERIVATIVES. THE INDONESIAN PROGRAM IS PRIMARILY A LIMITED TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT. INGERSOLL

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